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An apparatus, including a shipment conveyance device, associated with a shipment, which is at least one of a shipping container, pallet, and tote, a global positioning device, located in, on, or at, the shipment conveyance device, which determines a position or location of the shipment conveyance device, a processing device which processes information regarding the shipment and/or the shipment conveyance device in response to an event occurrence or a request for information, and generates a message containing information regarding a position or location of the shipment or the shipment conveyance device and information regarding at least one of the event occurrence, a shipment status, a shipment temperature, and an impact or force on the shipment conveyance device, and a transmitter which transmits the message to a communication device associated with at least one of a sender, receiver, and carrier, of the shipment.